

**REMARKS****Claim Amendments**

Claims 22 and 24 have been amended. No new matter has been added. As the amendments merely embody the correction of formal matters, it is believed that entry of the amendment under 35 U.S.C. §1.312 is proper and such action is requested.

**Small Entity Status**

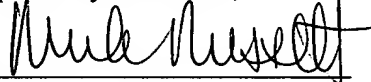
Applicant requests that the Patent Office change its records to indicate that the application is entitled to small entity status, as indicated at the time of filing of the application. The Office has erroneously changed the entity status of the application; while the SMALL ENTITY status on the accompanying Form PTOL-85 is indicated to be "no", Box 5a of Form PTOL-85 has been checked to indicate that small entity status is still claimed.

If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension is required, Applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 04-1105, Reference No. 55474 (70968), Customer No. 21874.

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